

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0002] On a side opposite from the slot 7, the applicator element 2 may have an opening 10 that enables the cavity 6 to be filled with substance. The opening 10 may extend along substantially the entire length of the walls 4~~walls 8~~.

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0004] The applicator element 2 may comprise two walls 4~~walls 8~~ having a shape that is curved in such a manner as to define a slot 7 that is outwardly concave, extending along a curved axis Y, for example, in the form of a portion of a circle or an arc of an ellipse, matching the bulging shape of nails.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] Alternatively, the slot 7 may be interrupted by at least one bridge of material 25 that connects together the two walls 4~~walls 8~~ at a point other than at the ends of the slot 7, for example, as shown in Figure 15. The slot 21 may thus comprise a succession of orifices 26 separated by bridges of material 25.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0008] In the exemplary embodiments described above, the opening 10 formed between the walls 4~~walls 8~~ is uninterrupted between its axial ends.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0010] The walls 4~~walls 8~~ of the applicator element 2 enable the supply of substance contained in the cavity 6 to be protected while the applicator element is passing through the wiper 40.